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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 9 June 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-third special session

10th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/S-23/6/Add.3)

The General Assembly took note that Bosnia and Herzegovina had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action; further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action [8 and 9] *: conclusion of the debate*

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Indira Thacoor-Sidaya, Minister of Women, Family Welfare and Child Development of Mauritius; H.E. Mrs. Nana Aicha Foumakoye, Minister for Social Development, Advancement of Women and Child Protection of the Niger; H.E. Ms. Khofifah Indar Parawansa, State Minister for Women's Empowerment of Indonesia; H.E. Mrs. Shirley Gbujama, Minister for Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mrs. Rachel Dea, Minister for Social Affairs, Advancement of the Family and Disabled Persons of the Central African Republic; H.E. Mrs. Luisa María Cuculiza, Minister for the Advancement of Women and Human Development of Peru; H.E. Mrs. Julienne Ngo Som, Minister for Women's Affairs of Cameroon; H.E. Mrs. Nezha Chekrouni, Secretary of State, Ministry of Social Development, Solidarity, Employment and Vocational Training of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Alberto Paulino, Minister for Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and Deputy Minister, Office of the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe; H.E. Mrs. Fatimé Kimto, Minister for Social Action and Family of Chad; H.E. Ms. Ana Elisa Osorio, Vice-Minister of Health of Venezuela; H.E. Mrs. Isabelle Machik Ruth Tshombe, Vice-Minister for Social and Family Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; H.E. Shaikha Hind Bint Sulman Al-Khalifa, Under-Secretary and Assistant of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Bahrain; Ms. Rashida Ali Al-Hamadani, Chairperson of the Women's National Committee of Yemen; H.E. Mr. Dennie Wilson, Chairman of the Delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Ms. Janick Bru, Director General of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Manpower Development of Seychelles; Mrs. Roslyn Tor, Director of Women's Affairs of Vanuatu; H.E. Mr. Ravan Farhâdi, Chairman of the Delegation of Afghanistan H.E. Ms. Lidija Topić, Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina; H.E. Mrs. Mary Note, Chairperson of the Delegation of the Marshall Islands; Mrs. Palanitina Toelupe, Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Women's Affairs of Samoa; and H.E. Mr. Vinci Neil Clodumar, Chairman of the Delegation of Nauru.

The General Assembly also heard statements by Mrs. Kathryn Hauwa Hoomkwap, Representative of the Observer Delegation of the Holy See; H.E. Mrs. Patricia Schulz, Head of the Federal Office for Equality between Women and Men of Switzerland; H.E. The Hon. Ngamau Munokoa, Minister for Internal Affairs of the Cook Islands; H.E. Mrs. Alimata Salambéré, Chargée de Mission for the Advancement of Women of the International Organization of la Francophonie; Mrs. Valencia Mogegeh, Head of Gender Affairs of the Commonwealth Secretariat; Mr. Jacques Forster, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross; Ms. Anna Diamantopolou, European Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs of the European Community (on behalf

of the European Commission); Mrs. Ólöf Ólafsdóttir, Secretary of the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men of the Council of Europe; H.E. Mr. Mokhtar Lamani, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; Mr. Robert Paiva, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the International Organization for Migration; Mrs. Mary Reiner Barnes, Representative of the Observer Delegation of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; Mrs. Mariapia Garavaglia, Vice-President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Ms. Francesca Cook, Representative of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; Ms. Helle Degn, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; H.E. Mr. Hussein Hassouna, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the League of Arab States; H.E. Mr. Doutoum Mahmat, Assistant Secretary-General, Representative of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity; H.E. Mrs. Akiko Domoto, Chairperson of the Observer Delegation of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources; and Mrs. Amabel Orraca-Ndiaye, Chief Cooperation Officer of the African Development Bank.

H.E. Mrs. Aída González Martínez, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund; Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund; Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

In accordance with the decision taken at the ninth plenary meeting, the General Assembly also heard statements by Ms. Gladys Mutukwa, Chairperson, Women in Law and Development in Africa; Ms. Pam Rajput, Vice-President, Mahila Dahshata Samiti; Ms. Françoise David, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women; Ms. Virginia Vargas, President, Centro de la Mujer Peruana "Flora Tristan"; Ms. Hoda Badran, Chairperson, Alliance for Arab Women.

Saturday, 10 June 2000 10th plenary meeting (resumed)

Tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Hafez al-Assad, late President of the Syrian Arab Republic

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence in tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Hafez al-Assad, late President of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action; further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-third Special Session (A/S-23/10) [8 and 9]

Adoption of the final document(s) [10]

The Vice-Chairperson serving as Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-third Special Session, Ms. Mónica Martínez (Ecuardor), made a statement in the course of which she introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/S-23/10).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Honduras, Qatar, Poland, South Africa, Suriname (on behalf of Caribbean Community), Nicaragua, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Malta, Argentina (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Rwanda, the United States, Gabon, Senegal, Colombia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bahrain, El Salvador, Kenya, the Sudan, Indonesia and Cuba.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-third Special Session in its report (A/S-23/10) (resolutions S-23/2 and 3).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, the Philippines, Portugal (on behalf on the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Romania and Turkey), Canada, New Zealand, Oman, Mauritania, Iraq, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Russian Federation.

The observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 8, 9 and 10.

Closing statement by the President

The President made a statement.

Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]

The General Assembly observed one minute of silent prayer or meditation.

Closure of the twenty-third special session

The President declared closed the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

3rd meeting

Tribute to H.E. Mr. Hafez al-Assad, late President of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole made a statement in tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Hafez al Assad, late President of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action [8]

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action [9]

Adoption of the draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole (A/S-23/AC.1/L.1 and Add.1-42)

The Ad Hoc Committee adopted its report, contained in documents A/S-23/AC.1/L.1 and Add.1 to 42, and entrusted the Rapporteur with submitting its recommendations to the plenary of the twenty-third special session for adoption.

Draft resolutions contained in document A/S-23/AC.1/L.2

The Ad Hoc Committee approved draft resolution I, to which was annexed the Political Declaration, and draft resolution II, to which was annexed the further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action, as amended, and recommended both resolutions to the plenary of the twenty-third special session for adoption.

Statements were made by the representatives of Honduras, Colombia (also on behalf of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela), Gabon, Cuba, Mauritania, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua, the Sudan, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Canada (on behalf of JUSCANZ), Argentina, Iraq, Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia.

Completion of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee

Statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairperson made a closing statement.

A statement was made by the Assistant-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

The Chairperson declared the work of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole completed.

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